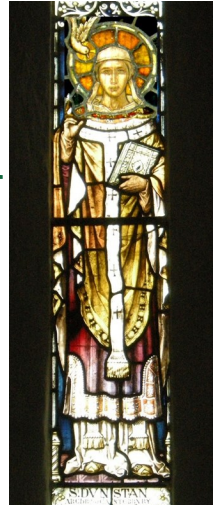




THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S Sunday 17 March LENT 5



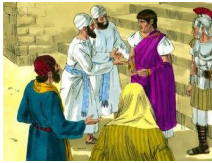
10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST

Anthem: *Wer hat dich so geschlagen* (Bach)
Setting: *Mass in A* (Darke)

SUNDAY CLUB

READINGS:

Hebrews 5: 5-10
Matthew 27: 11-26



COLLECT: In our hearts, O God, you have written a covenant of grace, sealed by

the obedience of Jesus your Son. Raise us up with Christ, the grain fallen to earth that yields a harvest of everlasting life. Bring us to glorify your name by following faithfully where he has led. We ask this through Christ, our deliverance and hope, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and ever.

POST COMMUNION:

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.



PRAYER of ST RICHARD of CHICHESTER

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits thou hast given me, for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day.

- Friday 15:** Think about yourself. How do other people see God working through you?
- Saturday 16:** Smile at people
- Sunday 17:** On St Patrick's day pray for the people of Ireland
- Monday 18:** Telephone someone you haven't spoken to for some time
- Tuesday 19:** Say hello to everybody you meet
- Wednesday 20:** Recycle something you don't normally recycle
- Thursday 21:** Reflect on all you contribute to the life of our church. Is there anything else you could offer or do to improve our mission, our outreach or our worship?
- Friday 22:** Say a special prayer for all the young people in our parish

PRAY ALSO ...

For the courage to make the most of every opportunity to share our faith with others through words and deeds
For church growth in numbers, spiritual commitment and in service to our community; **for our Lenten activities**
For those struggling because of cost of living increases
For our local schools, teachers and pupils
For all known to us who are sick; for those awaiting hospital appointments/surgery; for the NHS/all carers
For the recently departed and all who mourn the loss of loved ones; for those whose anniversaries fall at this time: John Coulter, John Walters, Brian Hill, Donald Cameron and Jillian Bromley-Fox

OUR PRAYERS FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD

For our Government, Prime Minister and national institutions in the many challenges facing us
For God's healing hand on King Charles and the Princess of Wales; for all members of the Royal family
For all national leaders that they be guided by a Godly wisdom in their decision-making
For unity within the Anglican Communion
For peace and reconciliation in all areas of conflict—at this time particularly for Israel, Gaza, the West Bank, Yemen, Ukraine, Sudan

For safe refuge for the displaced and homeless
For all victims of intolerance, persecution and oppression
For compassion and wisdom in dealing with migrants
For healthcare services both in this country and throughout the world; for aid agencies and all who work, both here and abroad, to alleviate poverty, hunger and disease.
For adequate supplies of clean water for all
For those affected by adverse weather conditions
For an urgent and determined global response to climate change, pollution and loss of biodiversity

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Sun 17th: 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST
 Tues 19th: 10-11.30 LENT STUDY GROUP at 1 Aylwins
 6.30 for 7pm PCC MEETING—London House
 Wed 20th: 10am SAID EUCHARIST in the Lady Chapel
 Thurs 21st: 12-2pm LENT LUNCH for Friends of St Dunstan's
 7-9pm REHEARSAL Mayfield Festival Choir
 Sun 24th: 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST—PALM SUNDAY
 12noon SAID EUCHARIST in the Cottage Hospice
 2.30pm MAYFIELD PASSION PLAY on the High St
 6pm CHORAL EVENSONG in St Dunstan's

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Meet in London House from 10am.
 The children will join the Service in Church as the 'Peace' is being shared.

During Lent we will be focussing (alongside the rest of the congregation) on people associated with Jesus' trials and crucifixion.

This week: Pontius Pilate

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary and suffered under Pontius Pilate.

Lord Jesus, you must have felt scared when they said that you were going to die on the cross. Sometimes we feel scared about things we have to do. We feel nervous and worried and wish it would all go away. Help us to be brave as you were, to tell the truth and help us to do what we know we need to do. Amen



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ELECTORAL ROLL REMINDER:

Sunday 17 March 2024 is the deadline for additions and amendments (forms at the back of church). Please return forms to Nicky in the Parish Office.

APCM 11.30am Sunday 16 April 2024 after the 10.15am Parish Eucharist

APCM ELECTIONS: nomination papers are available at the back of church for:

1 Churchwarden, PCC Secretary
 2 PCC Members, 3 PCC Members
 (available for re-election), 2 Deanery Reps

For further information: please see Stephen.

We are delighted to announce that the position of DIRECTOR OF MUSIC has been filled. We look forward to welcoming LUCY PIERCY on 14 April.

Thank you to the choir and visiting organists for maintaining our choral tradition so well over the past few months.

DONATE Please click here to help directly with the running costs of St Dunstan's. For additional ways to contribute financially to the life of our church, please see the church website.

SATURDAY PICNICKERS
 12.30-2.30 London House
 Tel Valerie 873253
 ALL WELCOME!



THANK YOU, Holy Dusters, for all your hard work on Thursday ensuring the church looks spick and span!



SAID EUCHARIST COTTAGE HOSPICE in FIVE ASHES - Sunday 24 March



LENT 2024

40 DAYS

LET GO, LET GOD

SUNDAY SERMON

Sunday 17 March—Pontius Pilate

MIDWEEK STUDY GROUP

'I am the resurrection and the life'
 Tuesday 19th 10am to 11.30am—1 Aylwins
 led by Fr Michael

LENT LUNCH

12noon Thursday 21 March - London House in aid of FRIENDS OF ST DUNSTAN'S



Raising funds for the preservation and maintenance of the church building



(Payment by donation)

Thank you to all involved with this week's Lent lunch in aid of Hospice in the Weald—both to the team of caterers/servers and to all those who attended. These lunches are always a popular addition to the St Dunstan's calendar and significant funds are raised. Do try to make the last one!

Churches of Mayfield with Wateryard Theatre Group invite you to ...

The Mayfield Passion Play
 Palm Sunday 24 March at 2.30pm

Meet half way down the High Street and thereafter progress through the village

A unique enactment of the Passion bringing to life the universal themes of hope, injustice, betrayal, sacrifice, love and redemption. Come and be a present-day participant and witness to this epic and eternal story.

Please collect your free tickets from Burnetts or Sew Inspired to enjoy the full experience and help manage numbers/ordering of hot cross buns!



THANK YOU to the Flower Guild for the beautiful posies, and to Rachel for the delicious Simnel cake handed out at last week's Mothering Sunday service.



EASTER LILIES IN MEMORY OR IN DEDICATION Envelopes for your donation (lilies £3 each) are available at the back of church. Please hand to a member of the Flower Guild or Fr Michael as soon as possible. Thank you.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY MARCH 24th
 10.15am Sung Eucharist
 2.30pm Mayfield Passion Play
 6pm Choral Evensong
WEDNESDAY MARCH 27th
 10am Holy Communion
MAUNDY THURSDAY MARCH 28th
 7.30pm Sung Eucharist, including the Washing of Feet, followed by a silent watch of prayer finishing with Compline at 9.30pm



GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29th
 2pm Good Friday Liturgy after which the church will be locked
HOLY SATURDAY MARCH 30th
 7.30pm Easter Vigil: as dusk settles so we gather around the fire for the first celebration of Easter
EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31st
 10.15 Sung Eucharist to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus

